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REPORT

To Our Readers - Owners

JOLLY GOOD SHOT!

That story sticks in one's head about the British officer in command of a ship which had been struck by a submarine's missile who looked down from the sinking deck of his vessel and said admiringly, "That was a jolly good shot, old boy!"

Spirit of sportsmanship, and all that bally sort of thing y'know.

And though one of Trick: Dick Nixon's recent performances isn't in much danger of sinking our ship, why not in the same spirit of good sportsmanship praise the man when he makes a particularly smooth wormy squirm out of a difficulty?

He did show great skill worming out of a question by student editors on a television show recently. For when asked what he thought of the kind of investigation of Communists activity which Senator McCarthy formerly practiced, Nixon replied that he didn't think that sort of investigation was needed now, since President Eisenhower, by instituting a good security system, had taken "this issue out of the political arena."

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NO PRINCIPLES

Yes sir, that was a slick one! It implied that under what he likes to suggest are the fellow traveling Democrats, the McCarthy type of Roman circus was necessary, but that now, under that great and good man, Eisenhower, it isn't so. Mister McCarthy can dedicate his noble talents to other issues. All of us amateur politicians must bow our head in reverence before such skill.

But it does bring to mind what the New York Times in its rather limp and halting endorsement of Eisenhower the other day went on to say about Nixon:

"He has conducted in 1956 a more moderate and more honorable campaign than he made in earlier years. But the memory of the divisive tactics of those earlier campaign years lingers, and Mr. Nixon's career has certainly not revealed much evidence of deeply rooted and consistently held principles. Party strategy, rather than party policy, has been Mr. Nixon's chief concern."

That's a very neat shot itself, the implication is that a man who has been dishonorable in the past has as yet given no sign that he has enough principle in his makeup to keep him from being dishonorable again. Yet all said so quietly.

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WE DON'T HAVE TO!

The New York Times is one of the most reliable papers in the world in its news columns, and its editorials are informative, moderate, and goodhumored on the whole. Yet, when it comes to the showdown, the New York Times owing to its close tie-up with the world's financial center, has to step forth, swallow Ike, and endure Nixon.

Fortunately we labor people are under no such compulsion. We know that anyone voting for Eisenhower on November 6 must proceed on the assumption that it would be a fine thing for this country to have Tricky Dick sitting in the White House thinking in terms of cut tactics and slick strategy. And we of labor make no such assumption.

ORGANIZED LABOR has purchased, equipped and presented a modern ambulance unit — paid for by AFL-CIO members — to Hagerstown, Md.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

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Williams & Altman Backed By BTC For Hospital Board

The Building Trades Council at its last meeting unanimously expressed its approval of the endorsement by the Southern Alameda County Voters League-AFL of Les Williams and Joyce Altman for election November 6 to the board of directors of Eden Township hospital.

Williams, former business representative of Hayward Carpenters 1622, addressed the council. He pointed out that the BTC was the first group to endorse him for election to the board of directors of the hospital some years ago. Williams was elected at that time.

"When we were working so hard to get the Eden Township hospital authorized and built," said Williams, "little did we dream that it would open before the parents will be infinitesimal grateful to any one donating blood."

Such blood donation should be made directly to Permanente.

The little sufferer's name is Dante Feole, and he is the son of William Feole, member of Local 98, and Eleanor Feole, member of a culinary union.

This particular form of anemia is very extremely rare. Since it became identifiable, there have been only a dozen cases known to physicians, and only 4 of these were in the United States.

A large surplus was accumulated during the first year of operation, he said, but there seemed to be no thought of making improvements with it.

The Nurses Association won a representative election at the hospital, and was told by the administration to see the United Employers, who laid

down a big NO on every proposal made by the nurses. The result is that the nursing has deteriorated, as nurses are quitting.

"Floyd Attaway of the Culinary Workers in Hayward is naturally much pleased to have some of these fine nurses who quit their hospital jobs go to work elsewhere as members of his union," said Williams, "but neither Attaway nor any good union man wants such conditions in the hospital that the nurses leave for other jobs."

Secret meetings of the board of directors violate the State's Brown Act, said Williams, and the directors were so informed, but when they learned that there was no written affidavit attached to the law forbidding such meetings, they went right ahead conducting the business of the hospital secretly.

"A lot more than endorsement of labor's candidates for the board is needed," said Williams. "This is a tough fight. To succeed in our effort to restore the hospital to the place in the community we of labor had planned for it when we worked so hard to get it established, requires the winning of this election. And it must be remembered that the ballot will be crowded, with our names far down on the list."

William Marshall, Carpenters 1473, made the motion to confirm the action of the AFL-Voters League in backing Williams and Altman.

Urgent Calls For Precinct Workers

Precinct workers are being called for by the Auto Workers' Citizenship Council and by Joe Smith, chairman of the Stevenson-Kefauver campaign in Alameda County.

Arnold Callan, United Auto Workers subregional director, is conducting a mass distribution of literature and doorbells ringing for labor — endorsed candidates Sunday, October 28, beginning at 9 a.m. at the UAW subregional office at 7208 East 14th Street, Oakland. Several AFL members have already volunteered, but more are needed. The work will be organized with areas mapped out for each precinct worker.

After the work is completed, in 4 to 6 hours, all precinct workers are invited to return to 7208 East 14th for free refreshments, including beer, coffee, soft drinks, sandwiches, etc.

Smith asked the Central Labor Council delegates to take note that volunteers for precinct work can call his office, Glencourt 2-2000.

Guild's Charges

WASHINGTON (AFL-CIO) — Publishers in New York City are refusing to bargain on new contracts as part of a "larger program of obstruction" fostered by the American Newspaper Publishers Association and its affiliates, the Newspaper Guild Executive Board charged at its quarterly meeting here.

Screen Guild Head

HOLLYWOOD (AFL-CIO) — Franklin Farnum, silent screen star, has been named president of the Screen Extras Guild to succeed Richard H. Gordon, who died Sept. 20. Farnum's post as first vice president will be filled by Jeffrey Sayre, an SEG founder and treasurer since its inception in 1945.

Why not pass this copy of East Bay Labor Journal on to a friend when you've finished reading it?

Kuchel Sued For Claiming Support By the Democrats

The Alameda County and State Central Committees of the Democratic Party have filed suit against Republican incumbent Senator Thomas H. Kuchel and his Alameda county co-chairmen, Alan A. Lindsay and Ernest M. Upshaw, to prevent the use of the name "Democrat." Alameda County Democratic Committee and "Democratic Chairman" in connection with Senator Kuchel's campaign for re-election.

The complaint recites previous use by the Republican senator of an "Alameda County Democratic Committee" in campaign mailings to registered Democrats "for the purpose of falsely representing that the Senator is endorsed or supported by the Democratic committees, clubs, or other official organs of the Democratic Party when that is not a fact."

In sworn affidavits filed in support of the action it is charged that five of the "Democratic" members of the committee are not registered voters at all, that one is registered Republican, and that one is registered "Declines to State."

Other sworn affidavits indicate that one Democrat's consent was obtained by the representation that she would be supporting the Republican Senator's Democratic opponent — State Senator Richard Richards, another sworn affidavit states that her consent was obtained by representation that she would be supporting the Democratic Party, and a third that she had not been asked at all concerning the use of her name in connection with the Republican Senator's campaign.

The allegations and their rebuttal were made public by Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler in a documented fact sheet entitled "The Truth About Labor Secretary Mitchell — His Claims and His Influence on the GOP."

The fact sheet, Butler said, "sets the record straight" on the claims. It also reveals Mitchell's own lack of standing in the Republican Party and the Eisenhower Administration.

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The action was filed by Attorney Robert P. Brorby.

Ike Veto Threat Weakens Benefits

WASHINGTON (AFL-CIO) — The 2,100,000 federal employees and their 6 million dependents are now drawing substantial new retirement — survivor benefits, thanks to a new law enacted this year which went into effect Oct. 1.

Hailed as the most important civil service reform enacted by the 84th Congress, the measure provides over \$340 million additional in benefits to retired federal workers and their families at cost to them of only \$45 million a year. Employee contributions to the civil service retirement fund rose to 6½ percent from 6 percent when the new benefits went into effect.

The measure was pushed through in the closing days of the last Congress by the Democratic leadership. A threat of a presidential veto, however caused the watering down of some of the benefits in the original bill by Sen. Olin D. Johnston (D., S.C.) after it had passed the Senate.

The final measure contained employee benefits considerably greater than those proposed by the Administration.

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State Labor Press Session Nov. 17, 18

The annual State Federation of Labor Press conference, attended by labor editors, managers, board members and others interested in the labor press, will be held Saturday and Sunday, November 17 and 18.

C. J. Haggerty, Federation executive secretary, announces that the conference will be held in Fresno.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NOVEMBER 6 ELECTION

Alameda County

VICE PRESIDENT
Estes Kefauver, Dem.

U. S. SENATE
State Senator Richard Richards, Dem.

HOUSE
6th: H. Roberts Quinney, Dem.

STATE SENATE
17th: Senator George Miller, Jr., Dem.

ASSEMBLY
10th: Donald D. Doyle, Rep.

11th: S. C. Masterson, Dem.

SUPERVISORS
2nd: Clarence R. Wallace, Dem.

5th: Jacob Frederickson, Dem.

ASSEMBLY
13th: Carlos Bee, Dem.

14th: Robert W. Crown, Dem.

15th: No recommendation

16th: William M. Freeborn, Dem.

17th: W. Byron Rumford, Dem.

18th: Dr. James G. Whitney, Dem.

SUPERIOR COURT
1st: Judge James Quinn, Dem.

MUNICIPAL COURT
1st: Judge Ed Smith, Dem.

DIRECTORS TRANSIT DISTRICT
Directors At Large
Lamar Childers, Clair W. MacLeod, Ward No. 1: To be recommended later.

Ward No. 2: John A. Foley, Ward No. 3: Robert H. Kroninger, Ward No. 4: Frederick Dubovsky, Ward No. 5: James Curry.

STATE PROPOSITIONS
1—Veterans Bond Act YES
2—School Bonds YES
3—State Construction Bonds YES
4—Oil and Gas NO
5—Alcoholic Beverage Establishments YES
6—Church Exemption: Parking Lots YES
7—State Legislature Sessions No recommendation NO
9—Borough Form of County Gov't No recommendation NO
10—State Civil Service: Contract Architects and Engineers YES
11—Framing County Charters No recommendation NO
12—State Indebtedness NO
13—Repealing Alien Land Law YES
14—Legislative Employees No recommendation NO
15—Public Water Supply No recommendation NO
16—Civil and Criminal Appeals YES
17—Constitutional Provisions Relating to Judiciary No recommendation NO
18—Inferior Court Judges NO
19—State Boundaries YES

Contra Costa Co.

Following are the recommendations on candidates for the November 6 general elections, made by the Contra Costa County AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education (COPE):

PRESIDENT
Adlai E. Stevenson, Dem.

DETROIT (AFL-CIO) — A demand for a congressional investigation of profits to fix the responsibility for rising prices and halt them has been served on the candidates of both major parties by President Walter P. Reuther of the Auto Workers.

Reuther acted after the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced that in mid-July, the cost of living reached an all-time high.

At the same time he charged the Eisenhower Administration with failure to keep the anti-inflation pledge in its 1952 platform, and declared that the cents an hour increase for more than one million UAW members will receive as a result of the jump in the Consumer Price Index demonstrates the soundness of the UAW wage policy.

REPUBLICAN CHAIRMAN

Leonard Hall said Ike looks

'one million percent,' which is marvelous without being either medical or mathematical."

Kansas City Star.

MEANY ACTS PROMPTLY WHEN SCANDAL BREAKS

(EDITORIAL)

Locals of the International Bakery & Confectionery Workers Union have long been respected members of the union family in East Bay. Members of those locals and of locals of all other international unions represented here were pleased when honor was bestowed on that international union by the elevation of its general president, William F. Schnitzler, to the general secretaryship, first of the AFL and then of the AFL-CIO.

Very disquieting, therefore, was the scandal which broke into newspapers all over the United States Monday morning of this week, with the arrest in San Francisco of Schnitzler's successor as head of the Bakers & Confectioners, James G. Cross, and three organizers for the union.

Charges and countercharges involving the alleged beating up of opponents of Cross are very properly being investigated by a representative of AFL-CIO President George Meany. The promptitude with which President Meany acted encourages all good labor people to believe that the Ethical Practices Committee of the merged federation is really, not just something on paper.

It is important, too, that the general public should realize this, and the prompt action by President Meany will help to bring this about.

AFL-CIO Picnic Draws 15,000 People, Helps Nov. 6 Election

The meeting of the Central Labor Council this week was dominated by enthusiastic reports on the success of the first annual AFL-CIO picnic held at Tilden Park Sunday.

Kidder, Department Store Clerks 1265, net 83; fourth, John F. Quinn, Bartenders 52, net 84.

Prize for Real True Amateur — Jim Zuker, Paint Makers 101.

Hole in One Contest — Kidder, 9 feet 3 inches; Larrieux, 13 feet 9 inches; Lacy, 15 feet 3 inches.

SOFT BALL GAME

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Anti-Semitism is Still Russ Policy

NEW YORK (AFLCIO) — A detailed analysis of two decades of Soviet anti-Semitic outbreaks has led the American Jewish Committee to conclude that despite confessions of guilt, "there has been no official repudiation of anti-Jewish measures, no rehabilitation of Jewish leadership and institutions."

In making the analysis public, the committee warned that "the present Communist confessions cannot be interpreted as evidence of significant change in the Soviet's official policy toward ethnic groups."

"Neither partial confessions nor promises of better behavior augur well for the future," it was added.

Labor Reports on Affairs of World

WASHINGTON (AFLCIO) — The AFLCIO Department of International Affairs has begun publication of a bi-monthly publication dealing with international affairs and the trade union movement.

The first issue of the eight-page Bulletin covers AFLCIO recommendations on foreign policy to the platform committees of the Democratic and Republican parties, detailed accounts of recent International Labor Organization and International Confederation of Free Trade Union meetings, a report on labor in Guatemala and brief items on labor developments elsewhere in the world.

Dressing Room Chatter

B-82: Tell Union Your Job Needs

By JOE CONNELLY

Job requests come in almost daily to the union business office. In many cases we could assist a member in obtaining more hours, or if the circumstances so dictate perhaps shorter hours.

Unfortunately many members do not make their wishes known to the business office.

Perhaps a member will move a considerable distance from their former abode and place of employment. A job with a like number of hours may be available within walking distance of their new home, thus eliminating time spent in traveling and transportation costs.

For instance, we recently had a full time all day cashier shift in, with no employed members listed to fill it. Undoubtedly there were cashiers getting less hours or relief cashiers who could have qualified for the job.

At this writing we have top floor job in, with requirements that the applicant be able to relieve in the box-office and on the candy counter.

Of course, before making a change it is wise to weigh how much vacation time you have already built up on your present job.

This is no attempt to pirate help, but to aid members who are contemplating a change. It is better to keep them within the industry than to see them leave it completely.

Too, it is necessary to give a week's notice to your present employer, if you have been employed by the theatre for over 30 days, unless it is mutually agreeable to both parties that a lesser notice is acceptable.

Members are advised to call in and let the office know their wishes. Naturally, this only applies to paid-up members in good standing, as we try to keep the lines as free as possible for employers calling in with job openings. This is just another service of your union.

Anti-Red Seminars

NEW YORK (AFLCIO) — A series of three seminars for members of pro-democratic organizations "to prepare them against the new Communist line of infiltration into and encroachment upon Negro, labor, civic and fraternal bodies" has been initiated by the Jewish Labor Committee.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

Watch It With Watchmakers

Watchmakers Get New Pact Signed

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

This week we signed a new union agreement in Sunnyvale and obtained a new member of the union. Slivers of that city is the signatory to the contract and Samuel Macri is the watchmaker employed. Macri will be initiated at the next membership meeting held in San Jose. The members who were present at the last meeting in San Jose will recall Macri being present at that meeting as he did work for Jules Bozzi of San Jose for a very short period.

We are happy to be able to report that Brother Emil Babangero whom you all know has been ill for some time, is progressing nicely. He can now have visitors at his home and any member who wishes his address may obtain same by calling the union office.

Company Battles NLRB Rule 2 Years

WASHINGTON (AFLCIO) —

The National Labor Relations Board has reaffirmed a 1954 decision finding the Edgewater Works of the National Carbon Co., a division of Union Carbide & Carbon Corp., guilty of unfair labor practices.

In a 20-page opinion signed by all members of the board, it ordered the company to bargain collectively with the Oil Chemical & Atom Workers and to cease and desist from "interfering with, restraining, or coercing its employees in the exercise of the rights guaranteed by Section 7" of the National Labor-Management Relations Act.

The board's original decision and order was challenged by the company in January 1955 by a petition filed with the U.S. Court of Appeals. The board on March 4, 1955 answered the company's petition and asked the court to direct enforcement of its order.

Museum Appeal

NEW YORK (AFLCIO) — Pres. David J. McDonald of the Steelworkers appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show, on CBS network.

McDonald, together with Pierre S. DuPont, III, made a joint plea for contributions for a nation-wide fund-raising goal for the American Museum of Immigration.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

STEAMFITTERS NOTES, LOCAL 342

Steamfitters: Jobs in Saudi Arabia

By JAMES MARTIN

Due to the crowded agenda at our last two meetings the reports of your delegates to the California State Federation of Labor and United Association conventions have not been heard, therefore, our next meeting to be held on November 1 will be a special called meeting for the purpose of hearing these reports. The resolution pertaining to increasing the dues one dollar per month will also be acted upon at this meeting.

The Bechtel Corporation has notified this office that they have openings available at the present time in Saudi Arabia with International Bechtel Builders, Inc., for pipefitters and welders with refinery, pipeline and pumping station experience. For your information a summary of job conditions and benefits and locations of Bechtel offices is listed as follows:

Job Location — Persian Gulf area, Saudi Arabia.
Term of Agreement — Eighteen months.

Basic Requirements — Qualification by experience. Ability to obtain U.S. passport. Ability to meet physical requirements and willingness to obtain all required vaccinations, inoculations, etc. Adaptability to employment at overseas location.

Basic Conditions — Basic rate for journeymen, \$650 per month for a 48-hour week. Overtime paid at straight time for hours in excess of 48 per week. There is no guarantee of the amount of overtime. The employer pays the cost of processing (passports, vaccinations, etc.) and transportation from point of origin to the jobsite. Participation in company life insurance, group medical and hospital plan at the employee's option, with the employer bearing a substantial portion of the cost. Family coverage and personal accident insurance available at minimum cost. Local income tax in Saudi Arabia 4%.

The fee for an individual registration is \$12, which includes the boxed, three-volume sets of books. Married couples may enroll for \$18 and share one set of readings.

Further information may be obtained from any University of California Extension Office or by writing World Politics, University of California Extension, 2441 Bancroft Way, Berkeley 4.

Want to Discuss Global Politics?

World Politics Discussion Groups will be organized this month in Berkeley, Hayward, Livermore, Oakland, Orinda, and Walnut Creek.

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Kuchel Praised by Federal Unionist

Boeing Workers In Contract Gain

WICHITA (AFLCIO) — Significant contract gains were won by 16,000 Boeing Airplane Company workers on the eve of a strike deadline as the Machinists concluded their 1956 negotiations with major aircraft and guided missile producers.

Kuchel voted for an increase in pay of 3 to 1 at a meeting described as the largest union assembly to be held in Kansas. Uninterrupted production of the B-47 and B-52 long-range bombers was assured by the union vote.

MAN OR WOMAN FIRST TIME OFFERED

SPARE TIME

Business pays you a profit starting first day. Work consists of refining and collecting money from our machines in this area. To qualify for this position a reference, \$500 cash to secure territory and inventory. Daily 6 to 8 hours a week to business, your end on percentage of collection should run up to \$100 weekly, with very good possibilities of taking over full time. Income increases rapidly with personal interview, include phone in application.

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ATTEND YOUR CHURCH

CATHOLIC

ST. JARLATH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 3200 Fruitvale Avenue At Montana, Oakland Sunday Masses: 6:30, 7:30, 9, 10, 11. Week Day Masses: 7 and 8:15 a.m.

METHODIST

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH Broadway at 24th Street GEO. A. WARMER, JR. Minister

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WHAT'S DOING



He found phones wherever he went

Recently, Mr. Bill Brown and his family took an auto trip to attend a business conference. After he returned, he sat down and wrote us a letter saying: "The new modern roadside telephone booths were one of the most useful conveniences we found. They are everywhere, even out in state parks away from city populations. They saved us hours of time and eliminated so much of the annoyance of waiting." Right you are, Mr. Brown. When you're away from home and have a call to make just look for that familiar Bell emblem. It means there's a phone handy.

Where were you when that call came in?

The last time the telephone rang in your home, where were you? Cooking dinner in the kitchen, doing up that blouse in the sewing room or out in the workshop finishing up that chair? Wouldn't it have been swell just to reach out and answer the phone instead of rushing halfway through the house to get the call? Telephones in the rooms you use a lot are convenient. The cost is \$1.00 a month for each one after a single installation charge. You can call us today and make yours a telephone-convenient home.

You can go visiting now—by telephone

Next time that youngster of yours looks up and asks: "When are we going to visit grandmother again?" you don't have to reply: "Oh, on next summer's vacation," or "Well, perhaps at Christmas time." You can just say, "Why, right now." And then pick up your telephone and make a warm and friendly long distance call. And don't forget, rates are lower after 6 p.m. on weekdays and all day Sundays. It's a wonderful way to keep in touch. Pacific Telephone.

United Labor Condemns Prop. No. 4!

AFL

The California State Federation of Labor, with 1,300,000 members, unanimously condemns Proposition No. 4.

In two resolutions, adopted without dissent by 2,000 delegates at the State AFL's Long Beach Convention on August 15, the Federation denounced Proposition No. 4 as "an anti-labor monopoly bill which means fewer jobs, higher gas prices and higher taxes."

All of labor would be hit by this job-cutting bill. The State Federation declares it will cost 10,000 jobs in the oilfields, 30,000 more jobs in trades, crafts and industries supplying the oil industry.

Looking ahead, the State Federation warns that "the same forces backing Proposition No. 4 are financing 'right to work' legislation, and plan to put it on the ballot by initiative . . ."

CIO

The CIO-California Industrial Union Council, with 200,000 members, unanimously condemns Proposition No. 4. The State CIO declared in a statement adopted by its Political Action Committee:

"Fundamentally, Proposition No. 4 is another step towards monopoly . . . Sponsored by a few big oil companies, representing less than half of the State's oil production, it would give them cartel control domestically, and a vast opportunity to import low-wage oil from their Middle Eastern concessions.

"Beyond the immediate harm to oil workers, Proposition No. 4 would hurt all of labor by reducing the oil industry market for steel rigging, tubing, special trucks, tires, etc.—thus reducing employment opportunities in steel, auto, rubber and other industries and crafts.

"It would harm us as workers, consumers and taxpayers."

'PAT' BROWN SAYS: VOTE 'NO'

California's Attorney General Edmund G. "Pat" Brown recently completed an exhaustive study of Proposition No. 4. He pointed out the oil control bill is full of "gimmicks"—each one of them harmful to the people. Here is Attorney General Brown's advise to all voters:

"I shall vote against Proposition 4."



"We Second the Motion!"

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Los Angeles CIO Council
San Francisco Central Labor Council
California Teamsters Union
Legislative Council

Oil, Chemical & Atomic Workers
Brotherhood of Locomotive
Firemen and Enginemen
United Auto Workers Northern
California Citizenship Council
Contra Costa AFL Labor Council

Alameda County CIO Council
Contra Costa CIO Council
Painters Councils 16 and 18
Machinists Lodge 311, Los Angeles
San Francisco Building and Construction
Trades Council

...and scores of other Councils and Locals

SAVE JOBS-VOTE NO on NO. 4!

OFFICIAL STATEWIDE AFL-CIO COMMITTEE AGAINST PROPOSITION NO. 4

727 West Seventh St., Room 355
Los Angeles 17, Calif.

681 Market St., Room 675
San Francisco 5, Calif.

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EDITORIALS

Now We Learn That Labor Is A Snake Hypnotizing Rabbits

Not long ago there was a very amusing headline in Oakland Tribune:

Realtors Urged to Get Into Politics

To us that was as though the headline had said: "Ducks Advised to Learn How to Swim." For anyone who has ever tried to get a public housing bill through any legislative body, or any other measure affecting the national setup of local branch of NAREB, National Association of Real Estate Boards, knows that our good friends the real estate men swing a hefty fist in political affairs.

The same speaker at the convention of real estaters which was honored by that amusing headline insisted that business men in general weren't paying enough attention to politics. And a little later, speaking in Detroit, Cola G. Parker, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, referring with horror to the political activity of labor people, declared:

"Business men of America sit like rabbits hypnotized by a snake, seemingly helpless to organize a program to defend the American political and economic system."

If such blather were worthy of being taken seriously, a labor man or woman might ask with some indignation just what Mr. Cola G. Parker means by implying that labor's political efforts are aimed against "the American political and economic system." One might even go on to ask if it isn't an attack on the American political and economic system to designate as a snake an institution so well established under our laws and Constitution as the American labor movement.

In fact, one might go farther and ask just how helpless these "rabbits," the business men, have been in the presence of this "snake," the labor movement, when for years these "rabbits" have had in the White House a front man for the operations of Big Business. (Actually, of course, many of the smaller business men, including real estate men, are going against their own interest if they assume they are helping themselves by going along with the front man in the White House and the big corporations trying to keep him there.)

The fundamental attitude of men like the NAM president, the big interests he represents, and the political party which is trying to put over the misinformed front man in the White House, was well expressed many years ago. That classic expression was from the lips of George F. Baer, the big coal operator who led the effort to crush the coal strike of the early part of this century. Said Baer:

"The rights and interests of the laboring man will be protected and cared for not by the labor agitators but by the Christian men to whom God in his infinite wisdom has given the control of the property interests of this country."

They don't dare say it so openly now, and they send Tricky Dick Nixon around to tell us we're going to have a 4-day regular works week pretty soon, but their attitude remains the same. That's why labor doesn't trust them or their front men, Eisenhower and Nixon, and is so resolute to elect Stevenson and Kefauver on November 6.

No. 10 Means Bread and Butter

Proposition No. 10 on the November 6 ballot, which has been recommended for a YES vote by the Alameda County Voters League-AFL, is of special importance to building trades workers. The measure is intended to speed up construction of highways, schools, hospitals. It provides that the Legislature may enact laws permitting the use by the State of private engineers and architects under contracts.

This would expedite work "which the available staff of a State agency is unable to perform within the time the public interest requires such work to be done."

The Labor Votes Yes on No. 10 Committee, headed by C. J. Haggerty, executive secretary, State Federation of Labor, says in a press release:

"Passage of No. 10 will mean that instead of building projects being held up for months and even years because of a shortage of architects and engineers in a State agency, the State may go ahead with the project by employing the needed technical aid. Vote YES on No. 10. The job you save may be your own."

That final sentence should be noted as applying to others than building tradesmen. For the jobs of many of us are tied up with the building and construction industry. The more people are out of work in any industry the less secure are our own jobs.

Transit District and Eden Hospital

In the maze of election struggles, we mustn't overlook two very important elections very close to home.

One is the proposal to establish the Alameda-Contra Costa Rapid Transit District. Organized labor recommends the adoption of this Proposition A, and further recommends the election of certain candidates to the board of directors if the proposition is adopted. Two of these candidates, J. L. Childers, business representative of the Building Trades Council, and James Curry, business representative of the Millwrights, are of course especially well known to labor people.

The other important local matter is the electing of some friends of labor to the board of directors of Mt. Eden hospital. Les Williams and Joyce Altman are labor's candidates. It is to be hoped that labor people in the Hayward area will turn out in large numbers and vote for them.

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Family Farm Loss Threatens Nation Profits, Dividends Are Doing Nicely

WASHINGTON (AFLCIO) — The Family Farms Subcommittee of the House Agriculture Committee, after extensive hearings throughout the country, has warned in its report that the disappearance of 300,000 family farms in the last four years is a serious threat to the American economy.

Headed by Rep. Clark W. Thompson (D., Tex.), the subcommittee said that supplanting of the family system of farming by an industrial-type agriculture—a trend which has increased in recent years—would be "a serious blow to America's free enterprise system."

This subcommittee is convinced that by the proportion the nation permits a lessening of the number of opportunities for venture into individual enterprise—for one to own his own farm or his own business—then by an even larger measure will the free enterprise system be weakened," the report said.

The committee said that the deterioration of the economic structure of the family farm was due primarily to technological developments and the general weakening of the farm economy. It called for immediate action by the federal government "to assure each family size farm its share in the nation's agricultural production and in the prosperity which the American system has provided for the nation's general economy."

They Get Together!

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AFLCIO) — The first joint meeting of union representatives of 8,000 organized workers in the John-Manville Corp. was held here attended by delegates from the Oil, Chemical & Atomic Workers, the International Chemical Workers, Wood Workers and a man to give us required leadership.

Townsend, an Executive Council member, who was ill when the Council recommended endorsement of the Democratic ticket and when the board met recently in Chicago, wrote:

AFLCIO President George Meany that the country "is drifting perilously while a part-time President flounders in evasions and uncertainties. I believe Adlai Stevenson is the man to give us required leadership."

URW President L. S. Buckmaster and Vice President Joseph W. Childs said the agreement requires one year's employment for eligibility and pays benefits up to 26 weeks.

Each plan is identical and calls for a guarantee of 65 percent of normal after-tax weekly pay during layoffs or short work-weeks. The firms with whom the URW has signed pacts include Firestone, Goodrich, Goodyear and U. S. Rubber.

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4 Beds Offered to State Convention

Sam Blanford, Machinists 84, told the Central Labor Council this week that he'd lead in the Tribune that the State Federation of Labor will hold its 1957 convention here.

"Then I read in East Bay Labor Journal," he added, "that the Building Trades Council won't join in the invitation to the Federation to meet here, on the ground that there aren't enough hotel and motel rooms to handle a big convention."

Blanford said he would accordingly offer the convention or its use when the time comes two bedrooms with twin beds in each.

In more serious vein he suggested that a committee get to work at once lining up rooms for the convention next fall. President John F. Quinn said that a committee is now working on the problem.

Rubber Union Gets Supplemental Pay

AKRON, O. (AFLCIO) — Supplemental unemployment benefits covering 100,000 workers in 47 plants of the Big Four rubber manufacturers by the Rubber Workers, have been negotiated.

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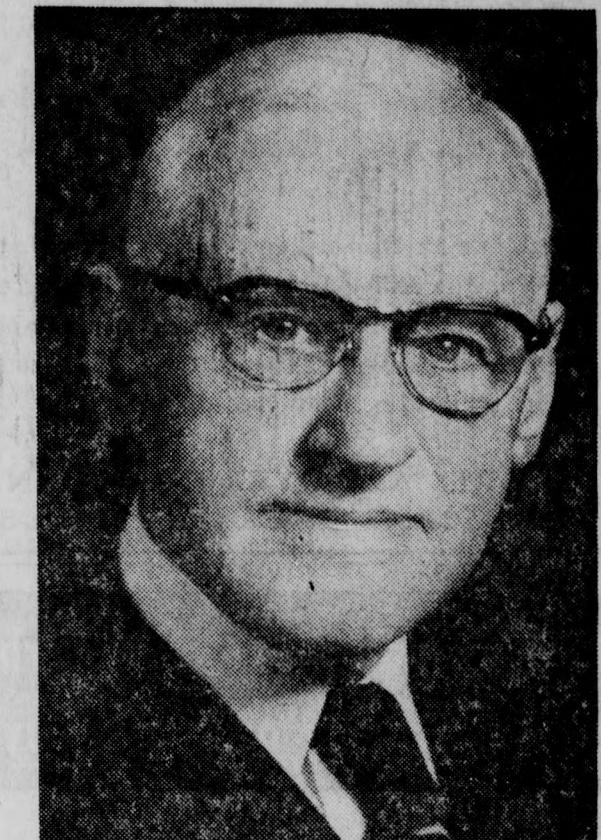
WASHINGTON (AFLCIO) — A pamphlet, "America Honors Labor," dealing with the mural in the lobby of the AFLCIO national headquarters and the special Labor Day stamp for which the mural furnished the motif, has been issued.

Features of the pamphlet are a color photograph of much of the mural's spectacular length and breadth and an interpretation of the art work which within a few months has already become a show piece in the nation's capital.

Copies of the pamphlet may be obtained without charge through the AFLCIO News, 815 Sixteenth St., N.W., Washington 6, D.C.

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